

MINUTES
HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2001

LBJ Building, Boise, ID - Room 324 / 11:00 pm – 11:30 pm

Present:

Darrell Manning, Chair	Richard Bowen	Daryl Jones	Robin Dodson
Ron Bitner	Bob Hoover	Niel Zimmerman	

Absent: Bill Shipp John Huffman Dennis Stevens

I. Minutes of March 6, 2001

MSC(Hoover/Bitner): To approve the minutes of March 6, 2001.

II. RCGP On-Site Review Panel Recommendation

The RCGP On-Site Review Panel made the following recommendation to HERC regarding the three research centers that were competing for the 2002 Research Center Grant Competition.

The Idaho Accelerator Center is ranked first and should be funded.

The Center for Biogeochemical Systems Research is ranked second.

The Formation of the Northwest Information Assurance Research Partnership is ranked third.

MSC(Hoover/Zimmerman): To accept the recommendation of the RCGP On-Site Review Panel to fund the Idaho Accelerator Center.

III. Other

Dr. Hoover raised the issue of security at University of Idaho's new Biotechnology Laboratory. There has been \$50,000 worth of damage to the new building, and other universities have had similar problems with their biotech labs. The Earth Liberation Movement in particular is opposed to the kind of research that the lab will be performing. He mentioned that this issue of security, especially in the areas of biotechnology and genetic research, has not been addressed by this group, and it is an important issue that should be addressed. Dr Hoover recommended that it be an agenda item in the near future and that the issue be further explored.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.